

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

August 4, 2015

Olivia G. Rodriguez, Chairperson

**The committee:** Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Nancy Cohen, Ana Maria Garcia, Gerda Govine

**History:** The ‘Girls at Risk’ Scholarships was the vision of former Commissioner Janet Mummey, Esq., a champion of rights for women and the elderly. She worked passionately on the development of the scholarships process and the 5K Run to raise funds for the scholarships.

**Number of Scholarships Awarded:** Since the establishment of the “Girls at Risk” Scholarships in 1999 the Los Angeles County Commission for Women has awarded 295 scholarships.

In 2014 the Education Committee accomplished the following; reviewed the criteria for the Scholarship Application, the Scholarship Application, supervisorial district location of the twelve (12) collaborating partners, guidelines, yearly allocation of funds for scholarships and developed the Mission and Vision for the Education Committee.

At the December 3, 2014 meeting, the Committee discussed the requirements of agencies that participate as collaborating partners. Policy & Procedures for the collaborating partners will be developed. It was recommended that the Committee meet with the collaborating partners at least once a year.

### **Mission and Vision Statement for Education Committee:**

#### **Mission**

**To provide support and encourage educational achievement for Los Angeles County females.**

#### **Vision**

**It is the Vision of the Education Committee to assist recipients achieve their potential in school and selected field of work.**

In 2015 the Education Committee reviewed applications submitted, nine (9) that met the criteria and were awarded \$1,000.00 each at the annual Scholarship Award Presentation Program.

## **Recommendations:**

- Review and update the scholarship application and criteria annually
- Review the adjust instructions for rating the applications to ensure equity and clarity
- Review the amount allocated per scholarship annually
- Discuss the “Girls at Risk” title for the scholarships. Consider the name of the scholarship to be named after former Commissioner “Janet Mummey”
- Committee review involvement of collaborating partner agencies and consider adding other relevant agencies that were either not established initially or expanded their involvement with students. The Education Committee to meet with collaborating partner agencies at least once a year to assess their involvement process and commitment
- Develop a process for Commissioners to mentor scholarship recipients in their Supervisorial District and report their progress at least once a year and report updates as necessary
- Review available information of past scholarship recipients to compile a report
- Work with Commission Services staff to recruit intern to work on recommending ‘procedures’ for the Education Committee